

REMARKS

Applicants have considered the outstanding official action. It is respectfully submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance as set forth below.

Claims 5-10 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form.

Claims 1-4 and 11-15 are stated to be allowed.

Claims 5-10 have been amended as to their dependencies. Since claims 5-10 are dependent directly or indirectly on allowed claim 1, applicants submit that claims 5-10 are also directed to allowable subject matter.

Withdrawal of the objection to and allowance of claims 5-10 is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the claims have been amended as to certain formal matters also, e.g., the reference numbers have been deleted from the claims and the transition term "comprising" have been added to the independent claims.

Applicants have noted the draftsman's objections to the drawings. Formal drawings will be submitted following allowance of the application.

Reconsideration and formal allowance of the application is respectfully urged.

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Respectfully submitted,

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